

Aug 31 → Sep 1, 1864

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JONESBORO

After destroying the roads southwest of Atlanta, Ga. the Federals under Howard pushed toward Jonesboro, a town south of Atlanta. Upon their arrival they found a Confederate force commanded by HARDEE in possession. The Confederates made an attack on Aug. 31. And after a sharp skirmish were defeated and forced to retreat to LOVEJOY. This

Confederate defeat led Hood to
abandon Atlanta on Sept 1, 1864, and
General SLOCUM at once took
possession of the city.

Sept 1, 1864

Confederates evacuate Atlanta.

Sept. 2, 1864

Sherman occupies Atlanta.

Sept 3, 1864

News was received that Sherman
had captured Atlanta.

Sept. 4, 1864

Sherman orders civilians
out of Atlanta.

Sept 15, 1864

Grant paid a visit to Sheridan
who had the command in the Shenandoah
Valley, and gave him the order, "GO IN."

Within a week Sheridan gained 2 brilliant
victories over Early, long looked for
but unexpected victories in the
Shenandoah valley.

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WINCHESTER

While the Confederates under Early were encamped on the West Bank of OPEQUAN Creek near Winchester they were attacked by Sheridan. At the end of a 5 hours' engagement the Confederates retreated toward Winchester with a loss of 3,611 men. The Federals lost 5,018.

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Battle: Winchester, Va.

Union Sheridan

w 40,000

lost 3,500

defeated

Early

w 15,000

lost 3,611

Sept. 19, 1864

Battle of Winchester, Virginia

Sept 1864

William Tecumseh Sherman was
in Camp at Atlanta during Sept 1864
He was in his prime at 44

He proposed to leave ~~Hood~~ Thomas
& Coxe with Hood while he
marched across Georgia. Pres
Lincoln said no.

Meanwhile Hood crossed the
Tennessee R. Grant doubted

the wisdom of Sherman's plan and he asked Sherman whether he had not better destroy Hood's army before starting southward. Sherman anticipating these objections sent a despatch to Grant and drawing from him the word, "Go as you propose."

Sep 1-2, 1864

Battle of Atlanta

Union forces under Gen. William T. Sherman (Feb 8, 1820 - Feb 14, 1891) captured city of Atlanta, Ga. which was evacuated by Confederate under Gen John B. Hood (June 1, 1831 - Aug 30, 1879)

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Sept 22, 1864

FISHER'S HILL

From OPEQUAN, the Confederates led by Early, retreated to Fisher's Hill, south of Winchester, Va. There on Sept 22, 1864, they were attacked by Sheridan and after an overwhelming defeat, they retreated in confusion pursued by the Federals. About 1100 prisoners and 16 guns were taken by Sheridan, while the

Confederates lost many more in
killed and wounded.